

"Gosar has been leading the charge against these bills since they were first brought up in Natural Resources Committee. He offered two amendments to both bills in committee—both failed," the spokeswoman said.

H.R. 312 and H.R. 375 were originally scheduled for votes on May 8, but were yanked after Trump tweeted that they would be "unfair" to Native Americans.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe wants to build a \$1 billion casino on its land, but the deal has been delayed by the Interior Department and Rhode Island lawmakers worried the development will undercut profits generated by its own casino industry.

The opposition has resulted in the Massachusetts congressional delegation, including Democratic 2020 presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, to push for the measure so the tribe can have full control of the reservation. Matt Schlapp, American Conservative Union chairman and husband of White House communications director Mercedes Schlapp, additionally runs a firm that lobbied against the casino.

"Republicans shouldn't vote for H.R. 312, a special interest casino Bill, backed by Elizabeth (Pocahontas) Warren," Trump tweeted last Wednesday. "It is unfair and doesn't treat Native Americans equally!"

Schlapp did not immediately respond to request for comment.

HONORING THE 2019 UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY-BOUND STUDENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to come before my colleagues today to recognize those young men and women from Texas' Third Congressional District who have accepted an appointment to one of our prestigious United States Service Academies.

The United States Services Academies have a long-standing tradition of offering its students the highest caliber education and officer military training in the world. Each of the individuals recognized today began their journey of service by applying through their Member of Congress or qualified source via a highly competitive process. However, only a select few are found to meet the necessary standards set forth by the Academies.

These outstanding students have proven they are the gold standard by demonstrating their excellence in academics, athletics, and commitment to their community both inside and outside of the classroom. I am confident these young men and women will achieve great success while further developing the qualities of leadership, honor, and self-sacrifice as they prepare to lead our Nation's Armed Forces.

As one who has worn the uniform, I thank these young patriots for their courage and commitment to our Nation. It is my privilege to congratulate these leaders as they embark on a new mission of service to America.

CLASS OF 2023 APPOINTMENTS

U.S. Air Force Academy: Hayden Archer, Frisco Liberty High School; Allie Dyer, Plano East Senior High School; Andrew Perkany, Plano Senior High School*; Aidan Gardiner, Wylie High School; Marcus Hill, U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School;

Madison Martin, Texas Connections Academy; Jordan Simmons, Greenhill School*; Conley Walters, U.S. Air Force Academy; Jace Waters, Allen High School.

U.S. Naval Academy: Joseph Carter, Plano East High School; Alexander Kramer, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School; Morgan Krepp, Mercersburg Academy; Aidan Waits, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School; Jaylen Walker, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School.

U.S. Military Academy: Jonah Barton, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Melic Belong, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Elijah Boyd, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Logan Brown, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Caleb Doyle, McKinney Christian Academy; Eric Han, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Makenna Keltz, McKinney Boyd High School; Samuel Kim, Frisco High School; Jalen Morgan, Plano West Senior High School; Christopher Sowinski, Allen High School; Parker Stevens, Allen High School; Austin Widner, Liberty High School.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mitchell Boone, McKinney Christian Academy; Jonathan Greer, Allen High School; Paul Han, Independence High School.

*Denotes acceptance to one of the academy preparatory schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call vote No. 216 on Friday, May 17, 2019 because I was meeting with 8th grade Hoosiers from the Saint Bartholomew Catholic School in Columbus, Indiana. Since my first day in office, I have been squarely focused on what I was sent here to do: Represent Hoosiers of the 6th District.

As a man of faith, I am wholeheartedly opposed to H.R. 5—a bill that limits our nation's founding principles of freedom of religion, conscience, and speech. We are a nation that allows and embraces diverse thoughts and opinions, but this bill would grant special privileges to individuals at the expense of the freedoms of others. Many women in Indiana's 6th District depend on athletic scholarships to obtain higher education and career aspirations, and this legislation would unfairly force female athletes to compete against biological males.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on the Republican Motion to Recommit, RC No. 216. This Motion to Recommit would have amended H.R. 5 to ensure that nothing in the bill may be construed to diminish any protections under Title IX, therefore safeguarding the integrity of female sports.

RECOGNIZING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Building Safety Month and the men and women of the International Code Council (ICC) for their dedication to public safety and our communities.

Year round, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry work to ensure the safe construction of buildings. They are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a national standards developing organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials to develop voluntary consensus codes that protect Americans in the buildings where we live, work, and play. The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities and counties, and in all 50 states, including the State of Maryland.

With natural disasters expected to increase in frequency and severity, building codes include important safeguards to protect the public from hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, fires, floods, and earthquakes. In January 2019, the congressionally-established National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) released a study finding that adopting modern model building codes saves \$11 for every \$1 invested through earthquake, flood, and wind mitigation benefits, with a \$4 to \$1 wildfire mitigation benefit. These benefits represent avoided casualties, property damage, business interruptions, and insurance costs, and are enjoyed by all stakeholders—from developers, titleholders, and lenders, to tenants and communities.

This month is Building Safety Month, during which we should recognize the critical role our communities' code officials in assuring us safe, efficient, and livable buildings. Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking International Code Council Board President, and my constituent from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, William R. Bryant, as well as ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, the International Code Council leadership, and ICC's Members and staff as they recognize Building Safety Month.

HONORING HANNAH KARANICK—ONE OF THE TOP 10 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hannah Karanick, 13, of Anaheim, California, who was named one of America's top 10 youth volunteers of 2019 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards during the program's 24th annual national award ceremony on May 9 in Washington, D.C.

Selected from a field of more than 29,000 youth volunteers from across the country, Hannah has earned the title of National Honoree, along with a personal award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for her school, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a nonprofit charitable organization of her choice.

An eighth-grader at Orangeview Junior High School, Hannah established a "closet" at her former elementary school that provides new clothing, laundry products, toiletries, quilts and school supplies to students there whose families can't afford to buy such necessities. Her